Exploration of gas oil in North Bihar

1835. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the result of exercises undertaken to explore Gas and Oil in North Bihar: and

(b) whether there is any further programme of drilling in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No commercial discovery of hydrocarbons has so far been made in Bihar.

(b) In Madhubani area, one well has been released for drilling up to 6000 metres.

Development of gas fields

1836. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop gas fields and plan extensive exploration of gas which could be used as a fuel for power development; and

Cb) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the details would 'be available after the Seventh Five Year Plan is finalised.

Percentage of oil recovery

1837. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU-. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of oil recovery in India is 25 per cent as compared to 40 per cent in other countries; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps Government ire taking to use the latest recover* thods as are in use in other to obtain richer results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL.KISHORE SHARMA (a) and (b) The primary re< factor varies depending upon . the co characteristics. This can be increased through enhanced oil re covery methods. The average primary recovery factor is arou: per cent only. Through enhanc- recovery mathods, oil recovery factor has in some cases been increased beyond 40 per cent. Efforts an ing made to increase the ree factor in India by using enhano I recovery methods.

Waiting list for telephone conne;

1838. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) '.he number of persons on waiting list for telephone connections at present in each State and I Territory;

(b) what is the annual progra for giving connections in each S[L]ate and Union Territory; and

(c) by when a telephone coi tion is to be given on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The information is given in Annexure.

(c) The objective set for the 7th Five Year Plan is to provide phone connections substantially a mand by the end of it, provided adequate resources are made available to the Department.